

The Park and Recreation Commission came to order for its meeting at the Senior Center on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 7:04pm.

Commission Members: Leslie Mayer, Jen Rothenberg, Shirley Canniff, Phil Lasker, Scott Walker, and Sarah Carrier were in attendance. Director of Recreation, Stacey Mulroy, and Assistant Director, Erin Campbell were also present.

Members of the Public: Phil Tedesco, Leah Broder

Open Forum - N/A

Correspondence Received - N/A

Approval of Minutes - January 14th minutes were tabled until February 11th meeting.

Working Groups

Capital Planning - Ms. Mulroy stated that the ADA Upgrades will commence at the Ed Burns Arena once the ice comes out. The most impactful items will be completed first. The lift to the stands will not be part of this upgrade.

Current Projects

Reservoir Phase 1- Contractor is concerned about safety because people have been trespassing into construction zone to play hockey on the Res. Ms. Mulroy said APD is aware of the problem.

Reservoir Phase 2 - The RFP for Design and Engineering has been sent to the town purchasing department. Ms. Mulroy will gather information from purchasing on timeline for bid and will email the group.

Ms. Mulroy included an email from Emily Sullivan, Town Environmental Planner and Conservation Agent, stating she was applying for the MassTrails grant for the Reservoir Path, due February 1, 2020. The email states that Ms. Sullivan spoke with a MassTrails grant administrator who said the grant is more likely to be awarded if a path between the Reservoir and the Minuteman Bikeway is established. The commission discussed and decided to include this as part of the grant application because it was for design and engineering. Mr. Lasker motioned to support the concept with the connecting path and allow the application to be submitted. Ms. Canniff seconded. Approved 5-0.

Spy Pond - no updates until Spring 2020.

North Union - Ms. Campbell stated that the third and final community input meeting was held the previous night, Monday, January 27th at the Thompson School. The presentations from the public meetings have been posted on the town website on the Recreation projects page. Ms. Campbell said Ms. Mulroy is going to follow-up with RDLA about equipment and Ray Dunetz will come to the February 11th meeting to discuss a revised plan.

Wellington - Ms. Mayer is a reviewer for CPA for Phase III and 250K has been requested for construction funding. The design is not completed; more work may need to be done on the north bank. Ms. Rothenberg motioned to approve the selection of Hatch as the construction contractor, Mr. Lasker seconded. Approved 5-0.

Playground Evaluations - Ms. Campbell stated the meeting will be on Monday, February 24 from 6-8pm in the Lyons Hearing Room. The meeting is to discuss how the Commission plans to move forward with the evaluations.

### Discussion Topics

Indoor Space Study - Ms. Rothenberg motioned to table the study until after the construction on AHS is complete. Ms. Canniff seconded, approved 5-0.

Archery - Ms. Mayer distributed town by-laws and camp information about archery ranges and Massachusetts State Laws about shooting. Ms. Rothenberg motioned to table discussion until a new Director of Recreation is in place. Seconded by Ms. Canniff and approved 5-0.

Menotomy Rocks Park - Ms. Rothenberg stated she was following up with the New England Mountain Bike Association; her contact at the association has been on vacation.

Ms. Mulroy stated that a throw bag was installed at Menotomy Rocks Park by the pond. She was going to follow-up with Jim Feeney to get specifics.

Turf Fields - Mr. Lasker inquired about the status of Poet's Corner. Ms. Mulroy stated she is waiting for a meeting invitation. Ms. Canniff said she will follow-up.

### Director's Report

Ms. Mulroy stated that the Historical Commission is looking to add some parks and open spaces to their list. The commission discussed needing more information and the impact of adding spaces to the list of historical sites in town. Ms. Mulroy said she will respond and relay the need for more information.

### Next Meetings - February 11 and 25

### Other Important Dates -

Ms. Canniff motioned to approve list of 2020 future meeting dates. Ms. Rothenberg seconded, approved 5-0.

### Comments and Items for Future Meetings -

Ms. Mulroy is resigning her position as Director of Recreation effective February 13th.

Ms. Carrier wanted to make sure the Town relayed to Ray about the drainage problem at North Union near the existing trees between the playground and the basketball court. Ms. Mulroy is going to follow-up with the surveyor.

Ms. Rothenberg motioned to adjourn at 8:30pm, Mr. Lasker seconded, approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by Erin Campbell.